river." In the afternoon Davis was accused of stealing a chicken.

MRS. BLINN'S WILL.

The Provisions of the Document Entered for Probate.

The will of the late Dorothea Blinn was probated yesterday. The property was apportioned as follows, providing first for the payment of all debts: To her daughter, Charlotte Blinn, $500; to her son, Horace Blinn, $1,000; to her daughter, Julia B. Hosford, $1,000; her granddaughter, Maud Hosford, $300; grandson, Charles Horace Hosford, $200; the money given to the grandchildren to be invested by the executor of the estate and to remain intact until the children shall become of age. What may remain after these donations are given is to be shared equally by Charlotte E. and Sarah D. Blinn and Horace Blinn. She appointed Horace Blinn as the executor of the will which was drawn on July 8, 1875, J. D. Brown and J. D. Bigelow being witnesses. Considerable real estate belonging to the estate is yet invested in the name of the estate in this city. The will made no provisions about real estate property.

ACCIDENTS YESTERDAY.

Hands Mangled by Cars and Ma-

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PIONEER WOMAN CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Sarah Blinn McComb Dies At Masonic Home—Member of Old Family Here.

Word has been received in Terre Haute of the death of Mrs. Sarah Blinn McComb, daughter of the late Horace Blinn and Dorothy Froment Blinn, one of the first families in Terre Haute. She passed away at Franklin, Ind., where she had been living at the Masonic home for several years since leaving Terre Haute.

Sarah Blinn McComb was born at the old homestead on North Fourth street where the family lived since before the civil war. Mr. Blinn, her father, was born in Whethersfield, Conn., Oct. 31, 1801. He came to Terre Haute in 1825. He settled in this city when it was a mere village and was known and respected by its citizens. He was noted for his activities in temperance, religion, charity and philanthropic enterprices. He was one of the organizers of the First Congregational church here.

Mrs. McComb's father was killed by an accidental discharge of his gun while out hunting with several others at Merom, Ind., Nov. 5, 1860. Besides Sarah D. Blinn, Charlotte E., John J. P., Julia and Sarah, who died in 1850, were born to this family here.

Other children born to Horace Blinn, who was married three times, also have passed away, Sarah D. being the only remaining member of the family. She was a member of the Eastern star and for the last 10 years has made her home at the Masonic home in Franklin.

The old Blinn home on North Fourth street when dismantled at that time contained treasures of the long ago, many of which had ridden the waves of the Wabash and Ohio rivers from the east as they came to help the Blinn family, which also came here from Connecticut, set up housekeeping.

His son, John J. P., entered the war for the union and was one of the first men of the war. He served until January, 1863, and was returned home on account of his health. He recuperated and returned to his company and continued there until he died. He was mortally wounded at the battle of Gettysburg and lived but 10 days, dying July 14, 1863.

Mrs. Blinn McComb participated in the patriotic societies which sprung from the G. A. R. organized after the war of the rebellion.

No word as to whether the body will be returned here to be laid beside her parents and brothers and sisters has been received. The funeral was held this afternoon in Franklin.

Donald Askew

To The Tribune:

God, in His most ambitious moments, created the wonders of nature for mankind to enjoy and

CARS COLLIDE AT ROAD CROSSING

Continued From Page One.

and Harold Higgs, 21, of near Connersville, were killed last night when the automobile in which they were riding struck a bridge abutment on U. S. highway 52 west of Arlington.

Both men were married and Hinchman is survived by two children.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Miss Vivian Roberts, 20, died here today of a fractured skull suffered when the roadster in which she was riding crashed into a Pennsylvania railroad viaduct north of this city.

Jarvis Howell, 18, driver of the automobile, said he swerved it to avoid hitting another car. He was uninjured.

PANAMA TOWN WIPED OUT BY FLOOD AND HIGH TIDE

PANAMA, Aug. 27.—(AP)—The town of Miramar, in Chiriqui province, was virtually wiped out by the flooded Rabo Puerco river and high tides this week-end. No loss of life was reported.

MRS. RAINEY WILL NOT SEEK CONGRESS PLACE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Formal announcement was made today that Mrs. Henry T. Rainey would not be a candidate to succeed the late speaker of the house as congressman from the Twentieth Illinois district.

TAXPAYERS' MEETING.

Special To The Tribune.

BRAZIL, Ind., Aug. 27.—A meeting of the taxpayers of Clay county will be held at the court house convention hall tomorrow morning to consider proposed budgets and tax levies. Wilmer Buell, president of the Taxpayers' association of Clay county, will preside.

DEATHS

RACHEL REA.

Rachel Rea, 74 years old, died Sunday morning at the residence, 441 North Fifth street. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Cox and Mrs. Minnie Paddock of Terre Haute; three brothers, Daniel Lee of Rosedale, James Lee of St. Louis, Mo., and Thomas Lee of Terre Haute; one sister, America Kennett, of Terre Haute; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Cross & Brooks funeral home. Burial will be in Highland Lawn cemetery.

DONALD ASKEW.

The body of Donald Askew, 20 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Askew of 2416 Putnam street, who was drowned on Saturday, Aug. 11, in San Francisco bay, arrived in Terre Haute at 12:15 o'clock Sunday noon and was later taken to the home of the grandmother, Mrs. James Hanrahan, 1414 Poplar street. Funeral services will be held at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of the grandmother, with requiem mass at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's church

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LENHARDT BAUER LAUDS NEW DEAL

Candidate For Representative Is Speaker At Fontanet Reunion Sunday.

Special To The Tribune.

FONTANET, Ind., Aug. 27.—The 40th annual reunion and bean dinner held here closed Sunday with a large crowd present, brought out by an ideal early autumn day and a well-arranged program of talks and entertainment. The program Sunday was in charge of Kristenstein post of the American legion of Terre Haute.

Talks were made by Lenhardt Bauer, democratic candidate for state representative, Raymond S. Springer speaking for the republicans and M. K. Derrisck representing the farm interests.

Mr. Bauer devoted practically his entire address to the New Deal, the results it had obtained and forecast a return of an overwhelming democratic national congress.

"We will have a congress that believes that the only worthwhile liberties are the liberties that provide that the men, women and children of the United States may have life and have it more abundantly," he said.

"We shall say to Arthur Robinson, and Fred Purnell, 'If you do not believe in the New Deal, what men that we have given a job would you throw out of work? What unfair practice that we have outlawed, would you retain? Whose home or farm that we have saved should have been lost?

"And, finally, how would you have brought a new sense of freedom and security into the millions of stricken homes?

"These are but a few of the questions that we put to the opponents of the New Deal, and when they fail to give answer we will finish the job and bring the new era to Indiana in its entirety by unseating Senator Arthur Robinson, who remains as the last vestige of the Smoot, Moses and Watson era of republicans who had come to think themselves permanent fixtures, but found themselves relegated to the ranks of the 'has-beens.'

"Our president has carried on for us and we cannot repay him in any other way in this district other than to return to Washington our distinguished congresswoman, Virginia E. Jenckes, and to send the

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Dec 17, 1989

Dear Mr Lewis,

Thank you for your prompt and courtesy attention to my letter of Nov. 27. It is wonderful to find a library / hist. society which is happy to help a stranger with a request. As many letters as I write for assistance you would be surprised at how many do not answer, or say they are unable to help due to staff shortages, lack of interest, etc.

I would indeed like to have photocopies of the J.J.P. Blinn obituary and file — also of the sketch of his father, Horace. Enclosed is two dollars ($2.00) to cover costs. May I ask two more favors?

A) Would you supply for me the name and address of the "local museum" which houses Blinn's uniforms, sword, etc?

B) Is it possible that someone you know or could put me in touch with might, for a reasonable fee, take several photos for me?

1) Blinn's gravesite + headstone
2) the house where he grew up — @ 433 N. Third St
3) possibly his uniform + sword, etc.

These photos would greatly enhance the article on John Blinn. If this request is too difficult to grant, please accept my thanks anyway for your time and energy.

I send also to you my wish for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Greg Coco

Blinn Family

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January 5, 1990

Thanks for your wish to me of a happy holiday season. I hope you have a happy and prosperous new year.

I have purposely delayed answering your letter due to the bad weather. I received your letter of Dec. 17th on the 22nd when it was -22°F and we had four inches of snow on the ground--too much to go to Woodlawn to look for tombstones.

From your previous letter I could tell that you had been doing some serious Blinn research, and the letter of the 17th is no exception. How, for example, did you know that John J.P. Blinn's childhood home was at 433 N. Third Street? Or that the Blinn family owned lot #177 in the original town, now the city of Terre Haute? (Perhaps you had access to a copy of H.C. Bradsby's History of Vigo County.)

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Well, regarding the two favors that you have asked, first the Vigo County Historical Society, 1411 S. 6th St., Terre Haute In 47802, houses Capt. Blinn's military uniform and sword. This is the same museum that forwarded your first letter to us here at the library. This is because the museum's limited staff frequently does not do comprehensive genealogical research.

Second, I have a friend who has a good camera who would be willing to take pictures for $17.50 plus expenses (cost of film, developing, postage). Expenses could be from $12 to $16 depending on the number of photos you wanted, i.e. 12 or 24. If you would like these pictures taken, send me $15 and specify the type of film you want, film speed, color or black and white, and the number of pictures you want: 12 or 24.

At this point I will mention that 433N.3rd St. (and that entire block) was razed at least 30 years ago to make way for Indiana State University's track and athletic field. I know of no photo of 433 N. 3rd or even of 440 N. 4th St., where the Blinns lived in 1877 (and which was probably the same house as the one listed in the 1858 Terre Haute City Directory.) See the 1874 map of Terre Haute that I am enclosing in this letter. The library does have some photos of the antebellum J.H. Hudson house that once stood at 400 N. 4th--on lot #20 of Blinn's Subdivision. I am enclosing a photocopy of the J.H. Hudson home as I am certain that Capt. Blinn would have recognized it. It was the house at 400 N.4th and was torn down probably in the 1950s.

By Saturday Dec. 30th the weather had moderated and the snow had partially melted so I visited Woodlawn on that foggy day. After

a half hour's search I located the Capt. Blinn tombstone in Division 47. The stone that is broken (as Clark mentioned in her 1978 article) is about 18 inches tall. Then there is a much taller Blinn stone that is rather impressive, but the carving is badly weathered, though Capt. Blinn's name is easily decipherable.

I think the photocopies I am sending you are rather self-explanatory, but if you have questions feel free to ask them. The library does have a copy of the 1854 map of Terre Haute (when John J.P. Blinn was 12). The Blinn Subdivision lots are not numbered on this map, but there would seem to have been houses on lots 7, 8, 11 (433 N. 3rd St.?), 12, 13-14, 15, and 20, where the J.H. Hudson house was built in the late 1840s according to Juliet Peddle.

If you would like someone at the Vigo County Historical Society to take photographs for you, write David Buchanan, Executive Director. If you want me to go ahead as previously mentioned, send $15 and specific instructions as to how many photos you want. I suppose you would want all four sides of the Capt. Blinn tombstone as well as the lower stone that has been broken and a few pictures of the Blinn uniform. You might also want a photograph of the former Memorial Hall (Civil War Museum) at 219 Ohio St., Terre Haute. Regrettably, it was closed down some time ago and the Civil War relics have been returned to their former owners or their descendants and the building is totally vacant. It is hoped that a suitable owner will claim the old 1838 structure and restore it.

Sincerely
David N. Lewis

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Special Collections Clerk

P.S. I assume you might also want a few close-up photos of the tombstone inscriptions. The former Memorial Hall is a very noteworthy Greek Revival structure.

Nov 27, 1989

Vigo Co. Hist Society
1411 S. 6th St.
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Dear Curator:

I am working on an article to be published in an historical magazine concerning a young man who grew up in your city. He was John J.P Blinn. His parents were Dorothea and Horace Blinn. John was born about 1848, attended Wabash College until 1861 when he enlisted to fight with the 14th Indiana Regt during the Civil War. John was mortally wounded at Gettysburg in 1863, and died on July 4.

My question to you is — do you have any information on John Blinn or his family, such as letters, diaries, memoirs, photographs, or an obituary concerning his death. John's mother was present at a field hospital in Gettysburg when he died 11 days after the battle. It is possible the local newspapers picked up the story of her travels to PA. and his death, etc. In 1861 the Blinn family owned several lots in the city — #177 plus #1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 of "Blinn's subdivision." Horace Blinn was shot & died while hunting in Nov. 1860.

Also, is it possible to locate John's gravesite? He was removed to Terre Haute after his death.

Thanking you in Advance —

Sincerely,
Gregory A. Coco

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Blinn Family

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John

December 11, 1989

Your letter of Nov. 27 that was addressed to the Vigo County Historical Society was forwarded to us.

I do not know of any John J.P. Blinn letters, diaries, memoirs, or photographs that are still in existence. There is a pen and ink sketch, probably based on a photograph, of his father, but none that I know of for John J.P. Blinn.

I am enclosing photocopies of pgs. 176-179 from Judge S. B. Gookins' History of Vigo County (1880). The book was reprinted in 1977 by the Bookmark. This tells about the Blinn family of early Terre Haute and says that John J.P. Blinn was 22 at the time of his death in 1863. You seemed to think that he was born about 1848, which is incorrect. I have also enclosed a copy of D.J. Clark's Nov. 9, 1978 article in the Terre Haute Tribune Star regarding J.J.P. Blinn. Notice that Clark's article says his tombstone is broken in two sections and should be repaired.

The library does have a surname file on the Blinns, which contains a long obituary for John J.P. However, the obit is characteristically Victorian with much use of "flowery" language but does quote John J.P. as saying, "Tell my friends at Terre Haute that if their country requires their services, not to hesitate to fight for the old flag." (on his deathbed) It mentions that his mother arrived at the "field hospital" where he lay dying (three days before his death) but gives no other particulars other than the fact that he was delirious part of the time.

The obituary also states that he was buried at the burial grounds north of the city (Woodlawn) on the Sabbath evening 5 o'clock. That would have been July 19th as the obituary appeared on p. 2 of the Wed., July 22, 1863, Weekly Wabash Express. The obituary concludes by saying that we have noticed him thus briefly, but trust some able pen will write his biography in full..."Thou are gone from our midst gallant Blinn, and the world seems drearier than before."

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If you would like photocopies of the J.J.P. Blinn obituary and all that the rather small file contains, I could send these to you for $1.50 including postage. This confirms some of what you have stated about the Blinn home being in the north part of Terre Haute near the old Wabash and Erie Canal. As far as "locating his gravesite", I would have to visit Woodlawn to see if the broken stone is still there. This I would gladly do if your interest warrants.

David N. Lewis

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Capt. John James Perry Blinn
14th Ind. Vol.
Wounded at Gettysburg - Va - 3rd July
Died in hospital - ten days later
Last Message.
"Tell the Boys at home not to
Lesitate to fight for the Old Flag.

"Tell my friends and companions
that I lay my young life,
with all its bright prospects
a willing sacrifice on the
Alter of my Country." —
Wounded carrying volunteer Message
Act. Asst. Adj. Gen'l. — (over)

Uniform - sword - etc -
flag & portrait -
presented to John P Blair
Post. - Memorial Hall
Terre Haute Ind.
by. Horace Kemper Blair
and Charles Armory Blair
Glendale, Ohio.

Vigo war hero died at Gettysburg battle

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Historically speaking

By DOROTHY J. CLARK

Only the full dress uniform coat of dark blue, single-breasted, with a row of brass buttons, captain's bars on the shoulders, and a dashing red sash draped across one shoulder ending on the left hip in fringed tassels, along with the dark blue formal dress coat worn for social occasions remain to remind museum visitors of the Civil War hero John J. P. Blinn who died at Gettysburg.

The formal coat is double-breasted with embroidered black satin covered buttons, very high-waisted in front, with long tails. The outfit included huge gold epaulets and a richly ornamented dress sword. The size of the uniforms indicated a tall, thin man described in earlier days as "pigeon-breasted."

Capt. Blinn was honored by having G.A.R. Blinn Post No. 85 at Prairieton named for him in 1885 when it was organized with 18 members.

After collecting dust for years at Memorial Hall, Capt. Blinn's effects were given to the Historical Museum of the Wabash Valley for display in the military room.

His father, Horace Blinn, was born in 1801 in Wethersfield, Conn. He started west about 1824 following the birth of his first son, Frederick Wilson Blinn. The first wife, Cornelia G. Fuller, died soon after reaching Indiana.

Mr. Blinn married Julia Bishop as his second wife in 1832. Their two children were Amory Kinney Blinn, who later served in the army, and Horace Frederick Blinn who died at age seven. His second wife died in 1835, and Mr. Blinn went to California for three years.

He married the third time Dorothea Froment of New York City. She had six children, all of whom lived to maturity except one: Charlotte E., John J.P., Horace Jr., Julia, Sarah who died in 1850, and Sarah D.

Mr. Blinn died in 1860, accidentally killed on a hunting trip with several men near Merom, Sullivan Co., Ind.

John J. P. Blinn was born in the old Blinn homestead, known later as 433 N. Third St. His early education was received in local schools, and he was attending Wabash College, at Crawfordsville when the Civil War broke out.

Having excelled in military drill at college, he assisted in raising a company and went into Camp Vigo, north of Terre Haute, where they were mustered into Company F, 14th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was made adjutant of regiment and served until October, 1862, when he was commissioned captain and A.A.G., serving on brigade staff of Gen. Nathan Kimball and Gen. Carroll, who commanded the brigade in the three days' battle of Gettysburg.

In January, 1863, he returned home for a brief time because of his health, but soon returned to duty. On July 3, 1863, he fell mortally wounded in the second day's battle at Gettysburg, repulsing the charge of Pickett's Corps, dying several days later at the field hospital at the age of 22 years. His body was brought home for burial in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Ironically, this gallant young Union officer who had fought in 14 battles, is buried only a short distance from the Circle where the monument was placed in memory of the Confederate soldiers who died here as prisoners of war. His tombstone is broken and should be repaired.

No county in Indiana responded more promptly than did Vigo County in the first call for 75,000 volunteers by President Abraham Lincoln. When Governor Morton issued the call, first to respond and muster into service from Terre Haute and Vigo County were Company C and Company D, 11th Indiana Volunteers.

Camp Vigo was immediately organized on North Seventh Street just north of Maple Avenue where an early fairgrounds was located. The stables and stock pens were converted into barracks by clearing out the old straw and putting in new for the men. The first three-year regiment organized here was the 14th Indiana in May, 1861.

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THE DEATH OF BRYANT.

BY EDMUND C. STEDMAN.

From the Atlantic Monthly—The Poem Read at the Century Memorial Meeting.

How was it then with Nature when the soul
Of her own poet heard a voice which came
From out the void, "Thou art no longer lent
To Earth!" when that incarnate spirit, blent
With the abiding force of waves that roll,
Wind cradled vapors, circling stars that flame,
She did recall? How went
His antique shade, beaconed upon its way
Through the still aisles of night to universal day?
Her voice it was, her sovereign voice, which bade
The Earth resolve his elemental mould;
And once more came her summons: "Long, too long,
Thou lingerest, and charmest with thy song!
Return! return!" Thus Nature spoke, and made
Her sign; and forthwith on the minstrel old.
An arrow, bright and strong,
Fell from the bent bow of the answering Sun.

Who cried, "The song is closed, the invocation done!"
But not as for those youths dead ere their prime,
New-entered on their music's high domain,
Then snatched away, did all things sorrow own;
No utterance now like that sad, sweetest tone
When Bion died, and the Sicilian rhyme
Bewailed; no sobbing of the reeds that plain,
Rehearsing some last moan
Of Lycidas; no strains which skyward swell
For Adonais still, and still for Astrophel!

The Muses wept not for him as for those
Of whom each vanished like a beauteous star
Quenched ere the shining midwatch of the night;
Greenwood Nymphs mourned not his lost delight?
Echo, hidden in the tangled close,
Believed that she could not mimic him alas.
He ceased not from our sight
Like him who, in the first glad flight of spring,
Fell as an eagle pierced with shafts from his own wing.

This was not Thyrsis! no, the minstrel lone
And reverend, the woodland singer hoar,
Who was dear Nature's nursling, and the priest
Whom most she loved; nor had his office ceased
But for her mandate: "Seek again thine own;
The walks of men shall draw thy steps no more!"
Softly, as from a feast
The guest departs that hears a low recall,
He went, and left behind his harp and coronal.

"Return!" she cried, "unto thine own return!
Too long the pilgrimage: too long the dream
In which, lest thou shouldst be companionless,
Unto the oracles thou hadst access—
The sacred groves that with my presence yearn."
The voice was heard by mountain, dell and stream,
Meadow and wilderness—
All fair things vestured by the changing year,
Which now awoke in joy to welcome one most dear.

"We come!" declared the unseen ones that haunt
The dark recesses, the infinitude
Of whispering old oaks and soughing pines.
"He comes!" the warders of the forest shrines
Sang jealously. "His spirit misdstrant
Henceforth with us shall walk the undertone
Till mortal ear divines
Its music added to our choral hymn,
Rising and falling far through archways deep and dim!"

The orchard fields, the hillside pastures green,
Put gladness on; the rippling harvest-wave
Ran like a smile, as if a moment there
His shadow poised in the midsummer air
Above; the cataract took a pearly sheen
Even as it leapt; the winding river gave
A sound of welcome where
He came, and trembled, far as to the sea
It moves from rock-ribbed heights where its dark fountains be.

His presence brooded on the rolling plain,
And on the lake there fell a sudden calm—
His own tranquility; the mountain bowed
Its head, and felt the coolness of a cloud,
And murmured, "He is passing!" and again
Through all its firs the wind swept like a psalm;
Its eagles, thunder-browed.
In that mist moulded shape their kinsman knew,
And circled high, and in his mantle soared from view.

So drew he to the living veil, which hung
Of old above the deep's unimaged face,
And sought his own. Henceforward he is free
Of vassalage to that mortality
Which men have given a sepulchure among
The pathways of their kind—a resting place
Where bending one great knee.
Knelt the proud mother of a mighty land
In tenderness, and came anon a plumed band.

Come one by one the seasons meetly dreat,
To sentinel the relics of their seer.
First Spring—upon whose head a wreath was set
Of wind-flowers and the yellow violet—
Advanced. Then Summer led his loveliest
Of months, one ever to the minstrel dear
(Her sweet eyes dewy wet),
June, and her sisters, whose brown hands entwine
The brier-rose and the bee-haunted columbine.

Next Autumn, like a monarch sad of heart
Came, tended by his melancholy days,
Purple he wore, and bore a golden rod.
His sceptre; and let fall upon the sod
A long fringed gentian ere he would depart.
Scarcely had his train gone darkling down the ways
When Winter thither trod—
Winter, with beard and raiment blown before,
That was so seeming like our poet old and hoar.

What forms are these amid the pageant fair?
Harping with hands that falter? What sad throng?
They wait in vain, a mournful brotherhood,
And listened where their laurelled elder stood
For some last music fallen through the air.
"What cold, thin atmosphere now hears thy song?"
They ask, and long have wooed
The woods and waves that knew him, but can learn
Naught save the hollow, haunting cry, "Return! Return!"

Capt. John J. P. Blinn.

The loss of no one man, in the battles of this war, or by disease in camp, has been more deeply deplored by the people of this section of Indiana, than has the loss of this distinguished young officer. He was cut off in early manhood, and in the midst of a career of usefulness to his country, and one of honor to himself and family. The brightest star may change its place in the heavens unnoticed by the observer, but the highest order of virtue and patriotism combined in one character cannot be lost to a community without causing a pang of regret to all. His loss is no slight misfortune to the State, for upon the courage and patriotism of such as he, rests the happiness of its people and the preservation of its honor. Although Capt. BLINN was too young to have impressed his character upon the politics of his State, he nevertheless took a deep interest in everything which affected it, and possessed, in an eminent degree, those elements of manhood, which, when developed by experience, and cultivation, are always certain to attract public attention, and be the guide to public opinion.

He was the personification of honor, truth and patriotism, and possessed an intellect of the highest order, and of more than ordinary cultivation for one so young. With the firmest integrity and the nicest sense of honor and justice, he combined more than the common ambition of men. It was not a grovelling ambition hoping to rise to notoriety at whatever sacrifice, of means or principle, but of that other kind which leads to noble deeds, and immortalizes its possessor. He desired to rise to eminence through the means of virtue, and not through those of vice. He had no love for the blandishments of flattery, and would not swerve from a principle he believed to be right, but defended his opinions with good judgment, and with an earnestness that left no doubt of the honesty of his convictions. Although he had not undergone that severe discipline, and long training, necessary to form the orator, yet in the few addresses, it was our fortune to hear him deliver, he evinced the best talent in this respect, and had he escaped unhurt from the battle-fields of his country, there is but little doubt that he would have become, at an early day, one of the leading popular speakers of the West. His language was pure and logical, and his manner told his hearers quickly that he believed what he said, and would die in defence of his convictions if necessary. He was, indeed, an extraordinary young man, and there are few who can fill the vacancy his death has occasioned.

A marked trait of his character, was his filial affection. His love for his widowed mother was of the most intense character, nor hardly less was his affection for his brothers and sisters. He did nothing of interest to himself without first counselling his mother's judgment, and every word of counsel was treasured up to be implicitly obeyed. For this he was particularly noted from his early childhood, and in such instances there is a Providence that guides a right and leads to triumph. In this, he left a bright example, which his young friends should heed and follow.

Capt. BLINN joined the army soon after the outbreak of the war, and has been in the service ever since, with a slight intermission. He passed through thirteen battles, most of which were of the severest character, without being hurt, but fell at his post in the fourteenth at Gettysburg. He was mortally wounded in the thigh in the hard fought battle there on the third of this month, and died on the 13th, having lived ten days

before his death his mother was [illegible] and did all that could be done, to [illegible] his agony and save his life, but [illegible] proved vain and fruitless.

A great portion of the time after wounded, he was delirious, and while he talked of the army and of the [illegible] When his reason would return, his [illegible] tion was concerning his approaching [illegible] and the future world.

He was gratified to know that the [illegible] arms had won a great victory, and [illegible] he had yielded his life in a glorious [illegible] Among his last sayings were the [illegible] "Tell my friends at Terre Haute, that [illegible] country requires their services, not [illegible] rate to fight for the old flag." His [illegible] were committed to their final rest[illegible] In the burial grounds north of the [illegible] Sabbath evening at five o'clock. [illegible] moral was attended by a large concourse [illegible] people.

Mrs. Martha Mack.

[Cincinnati Commercial.]

At the funeral of Grandmother [illegible] at Jones' station on Wednesday last [illegible] John M. Walden, a relative and [illegible] friend, assisted in the services, and [illegible] the following sketch of the deceased:

Martha Mack, who died near Jonction on the 11th of November, 1873, [illegible] born in Shelby county, Kentucky, January 11, 1792. She was the daughter [illegible] Samuel Benton, who was a cousin [illegible] Daniel Boone. When she was [illegible] years old her father moved to the [illegible] Northwest territory, and settled on [illegible] ant run, six miles south of Hamilton, [illegible] she continued to reside in sight of [illegible] place for seventy-nine years. On [illegible] the 3d of November, 1814, she was [illegible] married to Erastus Mack. They [illegible] near her mother's home until [illegible] ruary, 1831, when they moved to the [illegible] ent Mack homestead. Erastus Mack [illegible] on the 22d of September, 1846. Mrs. [illegible] left five children, who survive her: John [illegible] who lives near Crawfordsville, Ind.; [illegible] beth and William, who live at [illegible] Haute; Alexander, who lives at Terre [illegible] Ill., and Joseph, who resides on the [illegible] stead. The eldest is 58; the youngest [illegible]

Mrs. Mack was one of the most remarkable women that ever lived. She was [illegible] years older than the state of Ohio, and nearly eighty-seven at her death. During her long life she never took a particle of medicine from a physician, never was sick and never heard to complain of a physical ailment.

On Sunday afternoon she was [illegible] buoyant, walked around the yard and [illegible] some, as was her daily custom, in the Bible, and retired early. When the girl (who slept in her room) went to bed she was sleeping quietly. In the morning her little grandson, Milton Mack, went in to call her to breakfast. She was lying on her side, with her head on the pillow, and the clothes nicely tucked around her, in a sweet sleep. She had died, as she had often expressed a wish to, without pang or struggle.

She was a firm believer in the Christian faith, and for some years before her death had devoted a great portion of her time to the reading of her bible and Spurgeon's sermons. She was a woman of wonderful energy, of great physical strength, and untiring industry. She never had an unpleasant word with a neighbor, was a devoted wife and mother and a true friend. Such a woman did not live in vain.

FUNERAL NOTICE.—The funeral of Mr. Horace Blinn will take place from the Congregational Church, at 2 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

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Blinn Family

Local Hero in the Civil War

By DOROTHY J. CLARK

"No county in the State of Indiana responded more promptly than did Vigo County to the first call for volunteers by President Lincoln for Indiana to furnish its share of the 75,000 men in the suppression of the great rebellion from 1861 to 1865. Gov. Morton issued the call to the state and the first to respond and muster into service from Terre Haute and Vigo County were Company C and D, 11th Indiana Volunteers, under Capt. Ogden C. Wood and Capt. Jabez Smith, and mustered into service for three months, April 25, 1861, at Indianapolis, with Lewis Wallace as colonel.

A camp was immediately organized on North Seventh street, just north of Maple avenue, known as Camp Vigo. Here were concentrated companies from this congressional district, and the first regiment organized was the 14th Indiana, May, 1861, the first three-year regiment mustered in from Indiana, with Nathan Kimball as colonel.

Of the many young men who answered the first call for volunteers from Vigo County was John J. P. Blinn, the son of Horace Blinn, an early resident of Terre Haute. From the county histories we learn that Horace Blinn was born in 1801 in Wethersfield, Conn., near Hartford, where he lived until starting west about 1824 after the birth of his first son, Frederick Wilson Blinn. The first wife was Cornelia G. Fuller, who died soon after reaching Indiana.

Dorothy J. Clark

Mr. Blinn married again in 1832, Miss Julia Bishop, daughter of Thomas Bishop, of Homer, New York. There were two children of this marriage: Amory Kinney Blinn who later served in the army, and Horace Frederick Blinn who died at the age of seven. After this second wife died in 1835, Mr. Blinn went to California for three years.

Third Marriage.

He married the third time Miss Dorothea Froment, of New York City, who was still living in 1880. She had six children, all of whom lived to maturity except one: Charlotte E., John J. P., Horace, Jr., Julia, Sarah who died in 1850, and Sarah D.

Horace Blinn died in 1860, accidentally killed on a hunting excursion with several others near Merom, in Sullivan County. He was loading his gun, when by some means the gun prematurely discharged, the charge entering his head, literally blowing out his brains. He was one of the first organizers of the Congregational Church in Terre Haute.

John J. P. Blinn was born in the old Blinn homestead, known later as 433 North Third street. He received his early education in the local schools, and was attending Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, when the war broke out. Having become quite proficient in military drill at college, he assisted in raising a company and went into camp at Camp Vigo, where they were mustered into the service as Company F., 14th Regt. Ind. Vol. Inft., and he was made adjutant of the regiment. He served in this position until October 27, 1862, when he was commissioned captain and A.A.G., serving on brigade staff of General Nathan Kimball and General Carroll, who commanded the brigade in the three days' battle of Gettysburg.

In January, 1863, he returned home for a short time because of his health, but soon returned to duty. On July 3, 1863, he fell mortally wounded in the second day's battle at Gettysburg, repulsing the charge of Picketts Corps, dying several days later at the Field Hospital at Gettysburg at the age of 22. His body was brought home for burial in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Ironically enough, this gallant young Union officer who had fought in over fourteen battles, is buried [illegible] that Confederate soldiers who died here as prisoners during the war, was placed in later years. (His tombstone is broken in two sections and should be repaired).

First G.A.R. Post Here.

"Terre Haute has the honor of organizing the first Grand Army Post in the state, G.A.R., Morton Post No. 1, named in honor of Gov. Oliver Morton." Originally organized May 10, 1879 as Post No. 51, Illinois department, it became Morton Post No. 1 when the Indiana department was established October 7, 1879. One record stated that at that time there were over 400 Civil War veterans buried in cemeteries in and around Terre Haute.

Capt. Blinn was honored by having G.A.R. Blinn Post No. 85 at Prairieton named for him in 1885 when it was organized with 18 members.

Just recently the G.A.R., Morton Relief Corps No. 11, presented to the local museum the tall wall case containing the uniforms and other equipment of Capt. John J. P. Blinn. These interesting relics had been held at Memorial hall for many years, collecting dust and seen by only a very few people. Knowing that the museum would care for them properly and have them on display, the ladies decided to put the case and its contents on permanent loan there.

The moving was accomplished without incident, the case was washed and polished inside and out, and with held breath and crossed fingers the uniforms were sent to be professionally cleaned with the utmost care. Mrs. Lula Guess, at Fashion Cleaners, gave them her personal attention without charge. One coat is the full dress uniform of dark blue, single-breasted, with a row of brass buttons, captain's bars on the shoulders, and a dashing red sash draped across one shoulder ending on the left hip in fringed tassels.

The other is the dark blue formal dress coat worn for social occasions. It is double-breasted with embroidered black satin covered buttons, very high-waisted in front, with long tails. The richly ornamented dress sword needed much polishing, as did the huge gold epaulets. These and several other Civil War relics are on display at the museum.

10404 Deanne Dr.
Sun City, Ariz, 85351
Dec. 31, 1974

Dear Sir:

For about ten years have been trying to group and sort out material on the BLINN OR BLYNN name.

I now am most interested in a group in your area. It was HORACE BLINN who died Nov 5, 1860 in Terre Haute Ind. Some of the line stayed in your city.

Would you have any information on the name?

Also do you have the old newspapers and if so would you Xerox the obit out of it for me, please and let me know what I owe you.

Then maybe if I knew the main cemetery there might be records there.

I would appreciate your interest and thankyou.

Very truly yours,

Jane D. Blinn

Vigo County Public Library
222 N. 7th St.
Terre Haute, Ind. 47807
January 6, 1975

Dear Miss Blinn:

I am sorry to say that I am unable to send you a copy of the obituary of Horace Blinn as the newspapers on microfilm are not complete in the year 1860, and November is not covered. I did find some information about him in Beckwith's "History of Vigo and Parke Counties, Indiana" (Hill and Iddings, Chicago, 1880), which I shall send you. We also have some information on his son John J. P. Blinn, who was killed in the Civil War. Hope that what we are sending will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

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Local History Division

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Indianapolis, Indiana

James R. H. Spears

3530 Washington Boulevard
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205
Business: 924-1351
Residence: 546-6670

20 March, 1974

Genealogy Department
Emaline Fairbanks Library
Terre Haute, In 47807

Gentlemen,

Can you possibly tell me the burial place of Captain John J. P. Blinn who was buried in Terre Haute on 19 July, 1863, after having been mortally wounded 1 July, 1863 at Gettysburg, Pa. The Newspaper accounts only say that he was buried in the cemetery north of town. All of the business establishments in town closed during the funeral. I would appreciate any information that you could give me concerning Blinn or any information concerning his family.

Very truly,

James R. H. Spears

James R. H. Spears
4327 N Kenmore Rd
Indaianpolis, IN 46226

County Coroner

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ELIZABETH C. ROSS

March 26, 1974

James R. H. Spears
4327 N. Kenmore Rd
Indianapolis, Ind. 46226

Dear Mr. Spears:

I have very little information about Capt. John J. Blinn, except that he was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. I am enclosing a page copied from the Census of Vigo County 1f 1860 which gives the family of Horace Blinn, who was apparently the father of John J. He was born in Connecticut, and his wife Dorothy was born in New York. She must have been his second wife, as, according to Bradsby's History of Vigo Co., he married Julia Bishop in 1832.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division.

10404 Deanne Dr.
Sun City, Ariz, 85351
Dec. 31, 1974

Dear Sir:

I am very much interested in gathering informationon the BLINN name.

I know Horace Blinn went to Terre Haute about 1828. I Beleeve you might have information on one of his sons- JOHN PERRY BLINN who died Gettsburg, 1864.

If you have other Blinn information I would appreciate.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jane D. Blinn

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Vigo County Public Library

January 16, 1975

Miss Jane D. Blinn
10404 Deanne Drive
Sun City, Arizona 85331

Dear Miss Blinn:

Thank you for your letter of December 31, 1974.

Attached are three pages of information I have found on John Perry Blinn and the Blinn name. I hope this research will be of some value to you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy W. Jerse
Curator

Information on the case displaying the Blinn uniforms and equipment:

"Uniforms and equipment of local hero, Captain John J. P. Blinn of the Wabash College Cadets, 1860-61, and an honor student. He was mortally wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863, and buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Indiana. The case and contents are on indefinite loan from Memorial Hall, courtesy of GAR Morton Relief Corps.

Hand-written information on slip of paper in our file:

"Capt. John James Perry Blinn, 14th Ind. Vol. wounded at Gettysburg, Va., 3rd July. Died in hospital ten days later.
Last messages:
'Tell the boys at home not to hesitate to fight for the old flag.'
'Tell my friends and companions that I lay my young life with all its bright prospects a willing sacrifice on the alter of my country.'
Wounded carrying volunteer message.
Uniform, sword, etc. presented to John P. Blinn Post, Memorial Hall, Terre Haute, Ind. by Horace Kimpor Blinn and Charles Amory Blinn, Glendale, Ohio."

Newspaper clipping dated January 23, 1922:

"Terre Haute, Ind., January 23 -- The funeral of Miss Charlotte L. Blinn, age eighty-two, a pioneer of this city, who died Friday night at St. Anthony's Hospital, was held today at the Ball chapel with burial in Woodlawn cemetery. Miss Blinn's death was the result ofan illness following an accident in which she suffered a fractured hip and a broken arm. Horace Blinn, a brother, arrived from Texas for the services. Others surviving are Miss Sarah K. Blinn, a sister and the following nephews and nieces. Horace Horsford of Kansas City, Mo., Maud Horsford of New York, Horace K. Blinn and Charles Blinn of Cincinnati; Dorothy Blinn and Nell C. Robinson of Wheeling, W. Va. Her father, Horace Blinn, who died in 1860, was one of the earliest settlers in this city. Miss Blinn has related many interesting stories of the early life of this city, especially of the civil war days. Her brother, Captain John Blinn, was mortally wounded in the battle of Gettysburg and Miss Blinn's mother made a difficult trip to the battlefield to care for him until he died. Miss Blinn received her education at Mt. Holyoke Seminary and at Western College for Women at Oxford, O. She studied music at Brattleboro, O., and was an accomplished musician."

From C.C. Oakey, Greater Terre Haute and Vigo County. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1908.

Vol. 1, p. 114. "Town and City Council Records
Dec. 4, 1843--The Council met at the new town hall, the members being: Schultz, East, Madison, Grover, Wallace, Danal H. Ross, Blinn, J. F. King, Boundinot."

Vol. 1, p. 119. "Fire Department
H. Blinn, president of the school board, in March, 1857, offered plans for a new house at Fourth and Mulberry, not to cost over $9,000."

Vol. 1, p. 125. "The only survivors of the locust trees that bloomed so sweetly until 1858 are a few melancholy ragged old stumps of trees on North Third, opposite Hudnut's office. A few branches still bear blossoms. When they were in their prime the yard showed the old-fashioned flowers--a Washington creeper with red trumpet-shaped flowers, lilacs, blue and purple flags, besides several kinds of berry bushes Over the old smoke house hung the branches of a cherry tree, loaded with Morello cherries in season, and there was a peach tree grafted with an apricot branch that never bore. The frame work of the old house was built by Horace Blinn."

Vol. 1, p. 155 This is an excerpt from the diary of Mrs. Sophia Fuller (grandmother of Horace Burt) and one of Terre Haute's noted pioneer women:

"In 1827 'visit our New England home. Mother Fuller, Mr. Blinn and Cornelia returned with us and settle in Terre Haute.'"

From H. C. Bradsby, History of Vigo County, Indiana. Chicago: S. B. Nelson and Co., Publishers, 1891.

p. 219 "Jacob Maderia to Horace Blinn, Out-lot 8, February 22" (1828)

p. 357 "January 19, Horace Blinn and Julia Bishop." (1832 marriages)

p. 433 "From the census of 1835: H. Blinn. 3 white males over 10 yrs., 2 white females over 10 yrs., and 2 white males under 10 yrs.

p. 617 "G.A.R. Morton Post No. 1 ... Four hundred are buried in the cemeteries about Terre Haute; among others, Maj.-Gen. Cruft, Col. Robert R. Stewart, Maj. James Stewart, Capt. John Blinn."

From William F. Cronin, An Account of Vigo County from Its Organization. Dayton, Ohio: Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1922. Vol. III.

pl 42 "Horace Blinn 1855-1857" - from list of coroners.

From Blackford Condit, D.D., The History of Early Terre Haute. New York: A. S. Barnes And Co., 1900.

p. 11 "The life of Terre Haute extends back over three-fourths of a century. In due time some one will write its history, but our purpose here is to tell of its early beginnings and growth, from 1816 to 1840, when the original village had grown so far beyond its limits that it justly could be called a city. It is true that as early as 1832, the town was incorporated. By virtue of an act of the legislature, approved January 26th, 1832, a meeting was called at the Court House, and the wheels of a city government were put in place, by the election of a long list of officers, and by dividing the town into five wards. But when we are informed that the population numbered but six hundred, and that the business was confined to the rows of buildings surrounding the Court House square, we may reasonably conclude that the village life of the town had not yet ended. Besides, this conviction is confirmed, when told that near the old Blinn house on Third street, north of Chestnut, "there was d dense forest," also that wild deer could be seen gamboling, where the Terre Haute House now stands." Again that immediately north of Mr. Blinn, was the "range" for cattle, which was "vocal with the ringing of cowbells..."

From Terre Haute City Directory for 1858:

"Blinn A. K. b H. Blinn,
Blinn Horace, 4th ws bt Canal and Chestnut."

From Terre Haute City Directory, 1860-1861:

"Blinn Horace, res. 91 N. Fourth."

From Terre Haute City Directory, 1872:

"Blinn, Horace, lumber dealer, h w s 4th, bet. Chestnut street and Vandalia Railroad.
Blinn, Mrs. D., wid., h w s 4th, bet. Chestnut street and Vandalia Railroad."

From Terre Haute City Directory, 1874-75:

"Blinn Mrs. D, res w s 4th n Chestnut.
Blinn Horace, res w s 4th n Chestnut."

From Terre Haute City Directory, 1877:

"Blinn Miss Charlotte E, bds 440 N 4th
Blinn Mrs Horace, res 440 N 4th
Blinn Miss Sarah, bds 440 N 4th"

From Terre Haute City Directory, 1878-79:

"Blinn Dorotha (wid Horace), res 440 N 4th"

The entries remain the same as the 1877 edition until the Terre Haute City Directory, 1894:

"Blinn Charlotte E Miss, res 440 N 4th.
Blinn Sarah D Miss, res 440 N 4th."

From the Terre Haute City Directory, 1896-97:

"Blinn Sarah D Miss, res 440 N 4th"

From the Terre Haute City Directory, 1901-02:

"Blinn Charlotte Miss, res 440 N 4th"

Both listed in 1907, 1908, 1910, 1912-13, 1915-16, 1918, 1920, 1922 directories. No "Blinn" is listed in the 1924 directory.

JANUARY 23, 1922.

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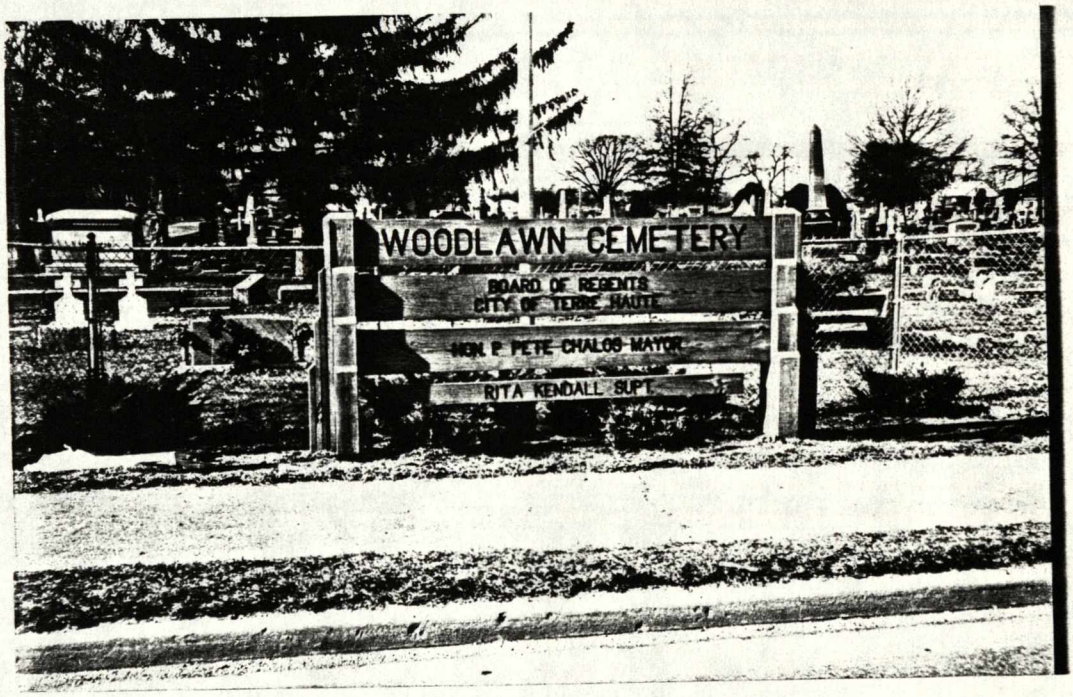
Rec'd from Mrs. Weinstein
Feb. 1959

Blinn Family File



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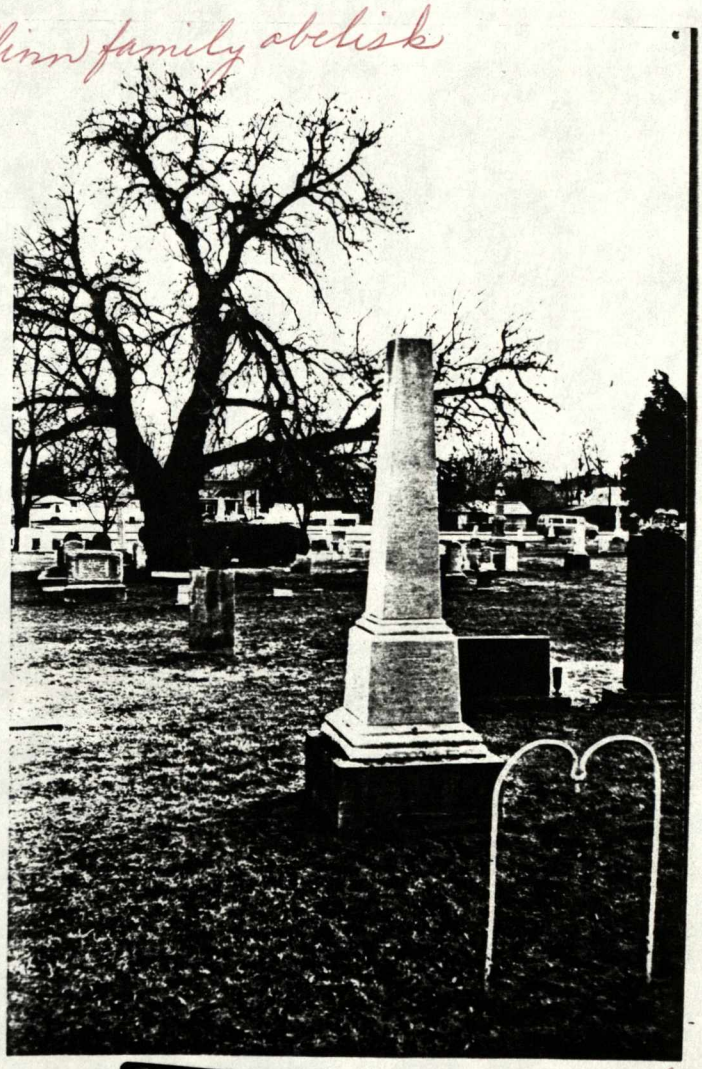
Blinn family obelisk



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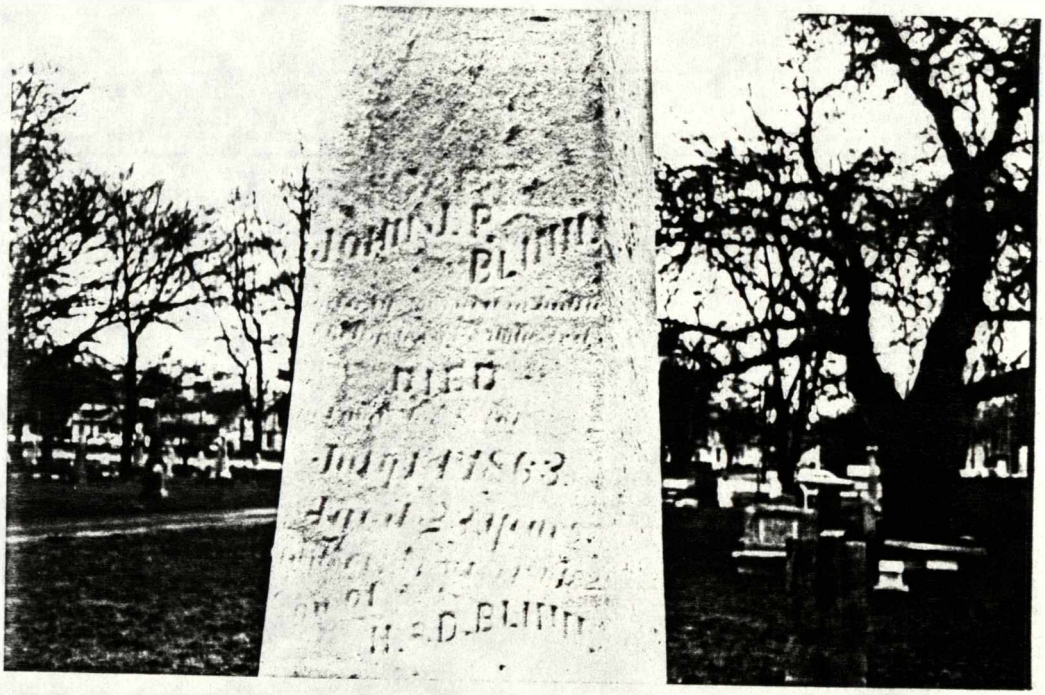
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